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## HAITI PLANS BICENTENNIAL ISSUE

### Danish And Irish Seals Are Colorful

Two very attractive Christmas Seals were issued by Ireland and Denmark. The one for Ireland bears a red cross and the Cross of Lorraine both, although it is assumed that the funds raised from the sale of the seals are to be used for the Anti-Tuberculosis campaign.



The Denmark seal has no designation of any kind upon it. It depicts a very pleased and smiling boy in red stocking night cap and pajamas standing in front of one of the candles on a Christmas tree. Part of the decorations on the tree consist of a string of miniature Danish flags.

Background color is yellow. The tree branches are green, the wording "Jul 1948" is in green and the "DANMARK" is in white on a green panel.



The seal for Ireland depicts a lighted Christmas candle before a window. The curtain, the greeting, date and the lower border are in yellow, the candle in red and the windows in blue. "Fight Tuberculosis" is in blue also.

The seals were submitted through the courtesy of the Tatman Stamp and Coin Co., of Springfield, Mass.

## HAPPY New Year

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### January 3 Date Announced By Post Office Department For First Flight To Zurich, Switzerland

In the past few weeks, the Post Office Department has inaugurated first flights on several new Foreign Airmail routes. It now plans another to begin on or about January 3 to be known as F. A. M. 27, and which will carry mail to Zurich, Switzerland. Since the covers of collectors must be in the hands of the proper offices by January 1, it will require that immediate action be taken.

In describing the new flight, the official announcement from the Post Office Department is as follows.

Philatelic service will be provided at the post office of New York, N. Y., and the air-mail fields of Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Pa., and New York, N. Y., for covers carried by the first flight to Zurich, Switzerland, on F. A. M. 27, to be flown by Trans-continental & Western Air, Inc., on or about January 3, 1949. The present air-mail postage rate of 15 cents per half ounce (10 cents for air letters) will apply.

A special cachet will be applied to covers bearing the required postage and accompanied by request that they be sent by the first flight to Zurich from the following points:

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Covers may be for delivery in the United States or in Switzerland, and should be addressed in the usual manner to the persons who are to receive them. It is understood that the covers will be backstamped upon receipt at

Zurich, and that those addressed to the United States will be returned by the Swiss postal service.

Covers for the first flight must reach the post office or air mail fields not later than January 1, 1949.

### Label Printed For Air Parcel Post

The Post Office Department has supplied some of its offices throughout the country with quantities of labels or etiquettes for use on Air Parcel Post. As yet, most offices that have them were sent only a few sheets.



The "stickers" are rather attractive, much more attractive in many respects than some of the commemorative stamps which were issued in 1948. The central design is bordered with the red and blue barber pole effect, while the wording "AIR PARCEL POST" is in red on a blue background. A winged white parcel is depicted flying in back of a globe.

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A sample copy of the label was submitted by Harry A. Gordon of New York City.

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### Bicentennial Exposition At Haiti Merits Stamp Series; Special Building For Stamp Show

The Republic of Haiti is planning an exposition of broad proportions to celebrate the Bi-Centennial of the founding of the city of Port au Prince. To take place in the years 1949 and 1950, attention will be called to the undertaking by an initial issue of four stamps which later are to be augmented with other values when the opening of the exposition occurs.

There are two stamps planned in the initial series for regular postage, a 5 centimes will show the first presidents of the Western Hemisphere, Dessalines, Bolivar and George Washington. A 10c will reproduce the Coat of Arms of Port au Prince.

For airmail, there will be a 30c. and a 1 Gourde. The former will portray a picture of Columbus and the anchor of the Santa Maria which lies enshrined where "The Great Navigator" left it just before the 16th Century. The high value will carry the portrait of President Dumarsais Estime of Haiti.

The entire issue will be printed in bi-color by the American Bank Note Co. which will insure a set of some eye appeal.

The following amounts are to be printed of the stamps. There will be 3,200,000 of the 5c., 400,000 of each of the 10c. and the 30c., and 200,000 of the 1 Gourde high value. The total face value of the four stamps will amount to about 30 cents in United States currency.

The erection of the exposition which has been under way for some time is to be made on the shores of the Bay of Gonave. Many of the nations of the Pan American Union have signified their intention to be represented there with pavilions in which the various educational, industrial and cultural highlights of each country are to be shown.

Of special interest to collectors will be the announcement that one of the buildings to be erected by the Republic of Haiti is to be for a stamp exhibition to remain the duration of the exposition. It is of significance that Haiti will erect a building specifically designed for the purpose of exhibiting stamps.

The building will be known as the "Palais de la Philatelic." In it will be set up an exhibition of stamps of the Americas, to be assembled and supervised by the Philatelic Division of the Pan American Union. It is expected that nearly complete presentations of the stamps of each of the 21 American Republics which form the Union will be offered.

A great deal of the work of preparation and supervision of the exhibition will fall to Albert F. Kunze, director of the Philatelic Division of the Union.

Plans for this great inter-American undertaking have been given extended consideration, since its development calls for many detailed operations not generally involved in philatelic exhibits. Normally an exhibit is fitted into a room or building, while in this instance the building itself is being planned and constructed appropriately to accommodate the exhibit.

Collections are usually solicited from a localized area or from a well known group of specialists,

### Dayton Show First Week In February

The annual exhibition and bourse of the Dayton (Ohio) Philatelic Society has been set for February 5 and 6 at the Miami Hotel. General chairman of the show has been named as John Boes, 1346 Arbor Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

The Dayton show is known as one of the outstanding exhibitions in the Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky area, and draws visitors from the surrounding states in large numbers.

There will again be a sizeable bourse, some tables for which are still available.

The Society also announces the new officers for the year 1949. President is John Boes, Vice-President, Robert Renick, Marlin Todd is the treasurer and Carl Soendlin, 222 W. Babbitt St., Dayton, Ohio, the secretary.

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CZECHO.—Gottwald Min. Sht. .... .30  
FINLAND—Phil. Exhib. Scarce .... 1v .95  
FRANCE—Perrin & Langevin .... 2v .07  
GERMANY—Buildings .... 28v 2.25  
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**ARGENTINA:** We illustrate the 70c green, map maker congress commemorative. There is said to be another value to be issued to complete the set, but at this writing it has not yet come to hand.



**ARGENTINA:** A new 25 centavo commemorative honoring the "17th of October," has been issued. The stamp is printed in deep red-brown and shows a figure of Liberty in the background with allegorical symbols of progress in the foreground.

**CURACAO:** The Juliana commemoratives have been received. Denominations are: 6c red-brown and 12c green. The design is the same as that used for Netherlands, Dutch Indies and Suriname.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Another Sokol set has been issued. The



set consists of 4 values, a 1kc. green showing Doctor Vanichec; a 1.50 kcs. brown showing Doctor Setainer; a 2kcs. indigo showing Doctor Setainer again and a 3kcs. showing Doctor Vanichec.

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**GERMANY:** A new value has been added to the famous building set listed here last month, this is a 15 pf. purple.



**GERMANY: RHEIN-PHALZ:**

Four new values have been issued to supplement the pictorial set. These do not have "pf" after the denominations. These four values consist of a 2 orange-yellow; 6 brown; 10 green; 20 red-violet. Other values without "pf" are to be expected.

**PHILIPPINE IS.** The national flower of the Philippines, the Sampaguita appeared on a 3 centavo postage stamp issued December 8. The stamp is green and white and shows a cluster of Sampaguita. They were printed in sheets of 50 and the quantity issued is one million.



**LEBANON:** An attractive new set has been issued honoring the Unesco. The postage set which consists of five values as follows: 10 piastres henna red, 12 1/2p. purple; 25p. olive-green, all showing Europa riding sidesaddle on a bull, who is either wading or walking on water. The 30p. bister brown and 40p. blue and salmon round out the postage set, both featuring a turbaned, bearded alchemist of the Middle Ages. The airmail set consists of three low values: 7.50p. light blue; 15p. black; and 20p. lake showing a rider on a very spirited horse. There are two higher values a 35p. rose-carmine and a 75p. green and dark green, showing a crowned woman's head with birds on either side. All things considered, this is a very attractive set of stamps and should prove popular, both with the Lebanese and the members of the United Nations.

**RUSSIA:** Three new commemoratives showing industrial progress have been received. These are a 30 kopek green, showing a dam; a 60k. red, showing a factory; and a 1 ruble rose, showing the dam again. These stamps are similar to the recent industrial set and may be additional values to this series.

We are also informed that commemorative sets honoring the Chess champion tournament, as well as the Bolyschot Theatre have been issued.

**SIAM:** A new definitive set consisting of six values from 1 baht through 20 bahts, has been issued, bearing the portrait of King Phumiphol Aduldej. The stamps are all bi-colors.

**SPAIN:** A new 50c stamp bearing a portrait of Franco has been issued

**SWITZERLAND:** The pro Juveniles for 1948 have been received. The stamps are in keeping with the style and format of these issues for recent years.

The 5c plus 5c, violet, bears a profile portrait of General Wille; the 10c plus 10c green slate and yellow, shows a foxglove blossom; the 20c plus 10c brown, red and yellow, shows the Alpine rose; and the 30c plus 10c, blue, gray and orange shows

the lily of paradise.

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**YEMEN:** An additional value has been added to the set which commemorates Yemen's admission to the United Nations. So as not to overlook any bets, a 12 bogshas brown and black has been released. This enterprising little stamp shows President Truman in conference with the Imam of Yemen engaged in a friendly little chat.

But the clincher to guarantee a popular response from collectors is a portrait of President Roosevelt in the background between President Truman and the Imam of Yemen. In addition to this little number however, we are also met with two airmails. A 10 bogshas purple and green similar to the earlier postage type which shows an airplane at Sana airfield overprinted in red "Avion" reading down, vertically, and a 12 bogshas blue and purple, similarly overprinted "Avion" in red, with the same vignette showing Truman, the Imam of Yemen, and F. D. R.'s photograph.

## NEW U. S. FIRST DAYS

January 10—4c Airmail Postal Card, Washington, D. C.

Jan. 18—Airmail 6c Washington, D. C.

March 3—Minnesota Terr. Cent. 3c, St. Paul, Minn.

April 12—200th Anniversary of Founding of Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Va.

## ANNOUNCED WITHOUT DETAILS

Puerto Rico 3c commem, probably from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

## PROBABLES

Airmail 6c coil.

Airmail 6c booklet pane

Airmail 6c envelope

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**CANADA.** Coil stamps of the current George VI issue, previously perforated 8 are now perforated 9½. Inasmuch as the perforated 8 coil stamps are now obsolete, an advance in price can be expected.

**BAHAMAS.** The Bahamas Tercentenary set of 16 values to the pound is now available. The designs are quite attractive, but the colors seem to have a washed out appearance. Dealers report a large demand for this popular set.

**BARBADOS.** This colony has announced the approval of designs for all twelve values from 1c to \$2.40 of the new dollars and cents issue. However, it will probably be a year before this new set will be ready for release. If the actual change in currency takes place prior to the issuance of the new stamps, it is possible that surcharges may appear.

**NEW HEBRIDES.** Inquiries have been received regarding the set of stamps issued in 1938 with "gold franc" values. The writer is unable to supply the reason for this issue in gold francs. This franc is tied to the Australian pound on the basis of 10 gold francs to the pound, so that the 10 franc (gold) stamp has a face value of one Australian pound.

**GREAT BRITAIN COILS.** Great Britain stamps issued in coils are perforated all around, but in the process of cutting same into coils, the perforations on two opposite sides are usually clipped close. These coil stamps are usually found with watermark sideways.

**IRELAND.** "Stamp Collecting" reports a cover from Ireland with the regular ordinary postage stamp on the front and a three pence bus ticket pasted on the back. Their explanation is that, in remote villages where there is no post office, the bus companies will take letters to the nearest town for which a charge of three pence is made. In November Ireland issued two large stamps to commemorate the unsuccessful rebellion of 1798, when Tone and his followers were defeated. The values are 2½ pence and 3 pence. This set does not comply with the requirements of the U. P. U. as there is nothing to show that these stamps were issued for postage service.

## COMING AUCTIONS

Jan. 3, 4, 5—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22, United States Incl. Postmasters and Locals.  
Jan. 5-6—Carl E. Pielander, 545 Fifth Ave., New York 17, Cuba and Puerto Rico from the "Towns" Collection.  
Jan. 6-7—Lambert W. Gerber, 656 E. Broad St., Tamaqua, Pa. British Empire.  
Jan. 12, 13, 14—J. & H. Stolow, 56 W. 46th St., New York 19, U. S. Brit. Col., General, Collections.  
Jan. 15—Riaito Stamp Co., Lakewood, N. J. Foreign Stamps in singles, sets and wholesale lots.  
Jan. 22—Murray Simcock & Co., 116 Nassau St., New York 7, U. S. Singles, blocks, sheets and Whistle.  
Jan. 23—Zenith Stamp Co., 85 Nassau St., New York 7, U. S. General, Miniature Sheets and covers.  
Jan. 25—Olmian Galleries, 116 Nassau St., New York 7, U. S. Incl. colls, General and Whistle.  
Jan. 26—Earl P. Apfelbaum, 1416 South Penn Sq., Philadelphia 2, U. S. Brit. America and Europe.

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## Texans Form Club, Plan Exhibition

## Accessories Manufacturer Plans West Coast Location

A new collectors club has been organized at Lubbock, Texas, the first formal meeting for which is to be held on January 15. At that same time, there will be a series of what is intended to be a series of annual exhibitions.

Organizational meetings have been held at the home of members to date. In electing officers, the charter members chose F. A. Kleinschmidt as the president, N. K. Snodgrass as the vice-president and N. E. Peterson as the secretary-treasurer.

Collectors in the Lubbock area who might be interested in becoming a charter member of the club can write or call on Mr. Kleinschmidt at 2324 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas.

H. O. Georges who is the manufacturer and distributor of a comprehensive line of philatelic accessories made of Kodapak, has announced that he will have a temporary change of address. He has been forced to vacate his location at 430 Forest Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

For the time being he will service the orders and requests of his customers and interested persons from the following address, P. O. Box 3, Fort Wayne, Indiana. It is Mr. Georges intention to settle his family and himself permanently in California in the very near future. As soon as this residence has been made, an announcement of his new permanent address will be given.

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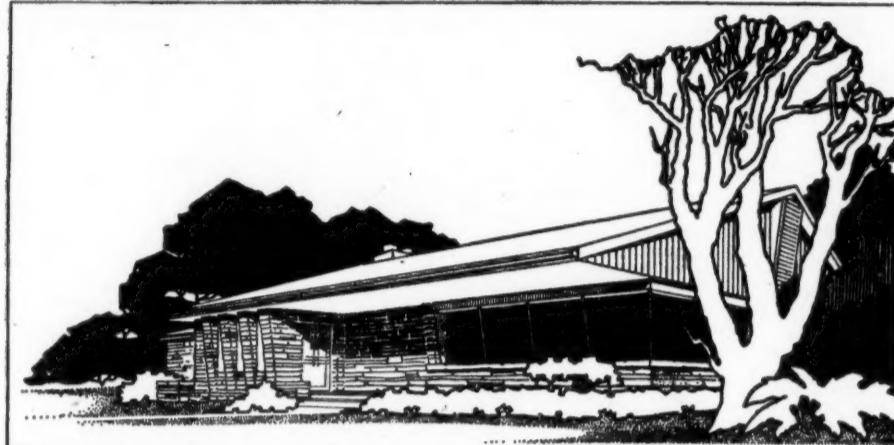
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Above is a revised artist sketch of our new office building. The exterior is complete but lots of work yet to do inside and the contractor says it will be March before we move in. Then with a much larger staff it will be possible to give prompt service.

When completed, it will be quite a building. Standing on a high bank of the Red River, the large "picture" windows command a three mile view of the opposite shore. Visitors who stray northward will be very welcome. Note that Winnipeg is far north. Actually it is the dead center of the North American Continent.

Now that there will be soon, enough room to properly carry out various projects, I am for one thing going to concentrate on building up the subscription list to what, so far, has been called the "Mailing List Service."

The object is 100,000 subscribers.

No stamp, magazine or philatelic history has ever achieved this figure which is rather strange considering there are millions of collectors. Well, we shall give it a try merely by offering so much for the dollar subscription that no collector will want to pass up the offer!

Keep your eye on this "Red River Rambler". It is going to be something new in philatelic publications. It will not be a stamp magazine in the usual sense of the word; There will be no paid advertising. Neither will it be a one man job. Its contents will be written by literally thousands of experts, throughout the next few years. It will have unusual features of considerable value to any collector, so much so, that once each number becomes obsolete its price will be \$2.00 alone!

Just one glimpse: The Philippine Philatelic Club has given me exclusive rights to publish their specialized catalog of Philippine stamps, serially in the Red River Rambler. The catalog itself will eventually appear in book form in a limited edition at \$5.00 a copy!

First copy of the Rambler will appear 12 months from now. After that every 3 months.

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If you are already a subscriber for 5 or more units please do not remit for more subscriptions at present. But do please help by getting others to subscribe.

Right now there are 30,000 paid up subscribers. If all these do a little propaganda work that 100,000 figure will be reached in 1949. Join the subscription contest if you like.

### "INSIDE INFORMATION"

Under this heading there will be a special feature section in the "Red River Rambler" which will be of the utmost interest to any collector.

It is remarkable how much exceedingly valuable information remains locked away, available to a few specialists or perhaps only to a single individual! Consider for example Canada #33. What would YOU know about it? Here is a stamp that no doubt rests innocently in many a collection or dealers stock masquerading as #24. If you do find a copy, what then? Do you know the positively fantastic situation concerning this stamp? If given a choice which would you rather have; a copy of Canada #33 or #24?

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Have you otherwise a philatelic idea worth developing, a book in mind, a specialized catalog on any philatelic subject? We will publish anything worthwhile in the "Rambler" and will pay on acceptance, the highest rates in philatelic history.

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Just to stimulate interest in securing new subscribers I offer 3 prizes. To the one who secures the greatest number of new subscribers to the Mailing List Service during 1949 I offer a credit note for \$100.00. Second \$50.00. Third \$25.00. Contest opens January 1, 1949 and closes December 31, 1949. In case of a tie, duplicate awards given.

Credit notes can be used for purchase of stamps from myself.

In addition to this, a philatelic item worth 50¢ net will be given for every new subscriber secured. This will be my choice but it will be excellent value. I realize that many collectors will help in securing new subscribers without being particularly interested in any rewards. Use the premiums as earned, to help out your philatelic club or pass such along to some shut-in or junior collector.

Plenty of subscription cards and informative circulars available. Will send as many as desired on request.

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In any convenient way, however postal notes cannot be cashed in Canada and it costs 15¢ to cash a check, so if your remittance is by check add 15¢ if check is below \$5.00. Currency is best for small amounts. I can also use mint U. S. A. coins and mint Canada at face value to an amount.

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## Another Year Is Ended

It has been a good year for America. You who are a part of America should be happy and thankful that you are here, that you have been able to share in the happiness and prosperity that has been general throughout



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the will and the urge to go out and do things.

In these prosperous years we should all follow the example of the little squirrels that through the warm months store up food for the cold winter months. In the same manner, during the good years we should lay up something to care for ourselves in the bad ones for the bad ones have an unpleasant way of showing up just about every so often.

So throughout 1949, work. Make hay while the sun shines and when the sun goes down and things come to a turn where it is not so easy you will be prepared to weather the poorer times.

## Fifty Years A Publisher

It is with a feeling of pride that I can look at the calendar and see 1949 in big figures. It reminds me that it was on Christmas day in the year 1900 that I published my first number of any stamp publication.

Yes, I well remember that day. My father had his own small printing plant in Columbus, Ohio. On that Christmas day I well remember that the parents of my mother who were still living and that they were visiting at our home for the Christmas holidays.

It was on Christmas day of 1900 that I went by myself to the printing office of my father where I worked during the hours when not in school. I was sixteen at that time, an active youngster who loved the printing business, who loved mail order business or anything connected with business and activity through the mail.

It was on Christmas day that I set the type by myself, cut some paper and produced a little four page sheet that I named "The Columbian".

The typography was not what a good printing job should have been and when my father saw my first effort he said to me. "If you want to print a paper do it right". This was an encouragement and with his guidance the next number of the paper was made in larger size with a colored cover, eight pages and cover. It continued in that size through the ninth number and was then changed to a standard 6 x 9 size paper which ran for several years.

Other different publications followed it in later years and I regret that I do not have a complete file of all of the various papers that I did print, but I have the recollections and the memories and nothing can take that from me.

Thus on the next Christmas day, that of 1949 I will have rounded out a period of fifty years as a Philatelic Publisher and it is good to look back over those years and feel pride in the work I have done.

All one gets out of life is what they take as they go along. Remember, you can not take it with you. Therefore enjoy life as you live it and you too will always have pleasant memories and recollections and there is a heap of satisfaction in such.

With this, let me wish all our readers a happy and prosperous 1949. I can assure you it is there for you who will go out and get it and the joy and happiness that can come from work well done will be recompense enough.

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## Souvenir Sheet For Duchess' 30th Year

Now that the daily press has reported the intention of Australia and Great Britain to withdraw the occupation troops which are on duty in Japan, it means an end to the "B.C.O.F." overprinted stamps. This is the opinion of Whitfield King and Co. of Ipswich, England.

The BCOF overprints were for the use of the troops making up the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces on duty in Japan since the close of World War II. While the stamps will by present standards not be considered rarities, they were nevertheless difficult to obtain, since the soldiers to whom they were meant to be sold were limited as to the quantity of them which could be purchased at any one period.

Whitfield King and Co., also reports that Luxembourg is preparing a new series of stamps, the first five values of which are to be released January 1. The new stamps are brought on by a change in the postal rates.

The portrait of the Grand Duchess will form the central part of the design. Values are to be a 25c. gray blue, 1 Fr. red lilac, 1.50 Fr. blue green, 2 Fr. gray violet and a 4 Fr. blue. Printing of the stamps will be made by Courvoisier, SA of Switzerland.

To celebrate the ascension to the throne of Luxembourg's Grand Duchess thirty years ago, that country will issue a souvenir sheet on January 8. This sheet also printed by Courvoisier, will be composed of three perforated stamps with the portrait of the Duchess similar to the design of the new permanent set.

Values to be used are an 8 plus 3 Fr., 12 plus 5 Fr. and a 15 plus 7 Fr. Period of sale of the stamps will be from January 8 to January 31 inclusive.

## Sale Of "Bears" At Auction Totals \$43,220

More than seventy collectors and dealers were responsible for the keen competition that resulted in the forty-two entires bearing seventy-one stamps of the St. Louis Postmaster's issues of 1845 and 1846 bringing \$43,220 at an auction held by H. R. Harmer, Inc. at 32 East 57th Street, New York, on December 13th, 1948.

Catalogue price and over, was the order of the day for the finer items, notably \$1200, \$1000 and \$1050 for three superb 10 cent on greenish paper with postmark only, used on entries, cataloguing \$750.

The highest realization was \$4600 for an entire with two copies of the 20 cent on greenish paper and one copy of the 10 cent on gray lilac paper, penmarked, but in very fine condition. Other high prices were \$1600 for a penmarked pair of the 10 cent on greenish paper on entire; \$2300 for a penmarked 20 cent on gray lilac paper on entire; \$2600 for the penmarked 10 cent and 20 cent on gray lilac paper in a setenant pair on entire; \$1800 for a vertical strip of three and a pair of the 10 cent on gray lilac penmarked.

## Final Values Of Polish President Set Released

The Polonus Philatelic Society announces that the remaining 5 stamps of the President Bierut stamp of Poland were released December 10, 1948. This completes the set of 6 originally reported. The initial release, the 15 zloty, bright crimson was on October 15, 1948.

All were lithographed on very white paper, perf. 11 1/2, size 16 x 22 mm. with portrait of President Boleslaw Bierut framed, facing front. Caption "Poczta Polska" across the bottom about 3 mm. high, and just above on the lower right side, is the value.

The values, colors, and their usage is as follows:

5 zloty, brown, for inland postage card.

6 zloty, black-bluish, for foreign printed matter.

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## Release Annual Edition Of Guide Line Catalog

The Sixth Edition of the United States Guide Line Catalog is ready for collectors states J. H. Davis Reynolds, 607 Liberty St., Flint 3, Mich., the publisher. Among the many interesting items of information found is a listing of the Flat Plate issues showing the various types of Guide Lines of stamps from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

It is also a catalog and check list of the flat plate printings issued by the United States listing postage, commemorative, parcel post, special delivery, postal savings and postage due stamps. The different plates of the rotary press commemoratives are illustrated and listed in single marginal positions, including the plate numbers.

Guide line collecting, which includes the lines and the arrows of the flat plate issues as well as the slugs and the dashes of the electric eye rotary press printing, is followed by many collectors of United States stamps, who feel that a showing in this field makes toward a complete collection.

A copy of the above catalog costs 35c from Mr. Davis.

## November Plate Data Released By Bureau

The Post Office Department has released the data about the activities of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing as concerns postage stamps for the month of November.

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## High Priced And Rare Stamps Will Be Prizes

Souvenir Sheets with a catalog value of \$35.00 are going to the winner of the 16th prize in the big Philatelic Terms Contest. There will be three of them, all issued by Brazil in commemoration of the New York World's Fair in 1940. They are sponsored by The Stamps of the Month Club, P. O. Box 115, Northside Sta., Atlanta, Ga.

The Stamps of the Month Club operates similar to the well known books of the month clubs. A client need not state the countries in which he has a philatelic interest, and the price range in which he wants to make his purchases, and the sendings of stamps in those categories will reach him regularly. It is an excellent way to keep up with the new issues, and collectors might want to take advantage of it.

A superb mint sheet of the Pony Express stamp, one of the two "sleepers" of the year 1940, is going to be the prize which the winner of prize number 20 will get for his or her efforts. Singles and blocks of this stamp are considered nice property, and a full sheet of it will be something to brag about.

It is sponsored by Ralph Appleman, 2300 Monterey Ave., Detroit 6, Mich. Mr. Appleman deals exclusively in very fine to superb mint sheets of United States stamps. His stock of these goes quite a long way back. Any collectors or investors interested in stamps in the best of condition should try the Appleman stock and service.

Two fine mint copies of the 50c Zeppelin stamp issued by the United States in honor of the round trip flight of the Graf Zeppelin from Germany to Chicago and return in 1933 will go to prize winners number 68 and 69.

The stamps each have a catalog value of \$11.00.

Both have been sponsored by John A. Fox, 116 Nassau St., New York 7, N. Y. Mr. Fox specializes in supplying collectors with mint and used stamps of the United States, as well as on cover. He has a very nice stock of 19th century stamps on cover. At regular intervals, Mr. Fox also holds auctions which have come to be known for the fine quality of the material offered.

Plate Block specialists will like the complete matched set of 24 plate blocks of the Pulitzer stamp which was issued in 1947. Present retail value of such a set is about \$5.00.

The firm of "Mr. Postage Stamp," operated by Emmanuel Strauss, 1336 Union St., Brooklyn, N. Y. supplied this prize. Mr. Strauss specializes in plate number blocks exclusively, and supplies these to a number of clients who have standing orders for each new issue, or to others who have certain needs. He is able to supply complete matched sets of many of the commems of recent years as well as individual position blocks.

A rather rare and expensive set of stamps from Denmark, Scott Catalog numbers 272A to 276 are going to the winner of the 22nd prize. These stamps, with a catalog value of \$34.50 in the 1949 edition, are stamps of Denmark overprinted for use in the Faroe Islands during the British occupation in World War II.

The House of Philately, P. O. Box 133, New York 24, N. Y. is the sponsor of this prize. The firm handles all the new issues of the world as they appear, beside which they also have a fine stock of stamps from earlier issues. Collectors who like good service and selected stamps from a few or all the stamp issuing countries as they appear might inquire of the House of Philately as to their offerings.

It is still possible for all interested readers to join in the contest. It still has about six weeks to go at this time, including the 30 days after the last picture appears in this paper. Read the rules on the contest page and get in the "swim."

## Author's Collection Of Poems In Book Form

Since the appearance of the poem on page eight of the December 13 edition of Linn's entitled, "To A Poet On A Postage Stamp" readers have inquired about the author. Adelbert M. Jakeman, the author has written poetry for quite some time.

A number of his works have been collected under the title, "Country Christmas." Here will be found a collection of homespun poems which deal mostly with the New England way of thinking and the down east countryside.

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## Browsing Through Exhibition Souvenirs

(Editor's Note: Stanley H. Watson, 911 Southern Blvd., New York 59, N. Y., who wrote the following has done what a lot of collectors do every once in a while.

That is, they get out their philatelic souvenirs—look through them—relish the memories they bring—and then return them to safekeeping again.)

Probably the first philatelic station cancellation in the United States was the one affixed to first day covers sent out by the Washington State Philatelic Society for its exhibit held on March 19 and 20, 1915. The Postmaster of Tacoma had a special cancel made in the form of a small rectangle containing the following inscriptions in six lines: FIRST ANNUAL / PHILATELIC / EXHIBITION / TACOMA / BRANCH / W.S.P.S. / 1915. Only one cover is known to exist and is the property of a collector in Tacoma Wash.

In 1913, the American Philatelic Society to commemorate the election of General C. A. Coolidge as President of the society issued a souvenir card having a block of one cent Pan-American stamps (#294) precancelled Detroit, Mich. The sponsors of this convention were the Detroit Philatelic Society.

The Newark Philatelic Society of Newark, New Jersey had an unusual souvenir for its annual dinner held on October 27, 1938. It was a ten page booklet which contained very interesting data concerning the club's doings. On one of the pages were mint copies of stamps # 798 and 835, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the signing and ratification of the constitution in 1787. The issue was very limited.

A souvenir folder containing a block of the ½ cent Presidential stamps (# 803) which were overprinted in red with a different city and date on each stamp. This souvenir was issued by the Central Ohio Precancel Club in 1939.

In 1936, the North Philatelic Society of Denver, Colo. used blocks of the 1, 2, and 3 pound potato stamps and overprinted them in red.

A souvenir menu booklet was given to banquet patrons attending the dinner tendered by the Michigan Stamp Club on March 19, 1921. On the front page was a two cent Pilgrim stamp (# 549) overprinted in black "DETROIT / 19 March 1921 / MICHIGAN."

For its fourth annual exhibit held on Feb. 22-24, 1934, the St. Petersburg Stamp Club of Florida issued three sheets of German inflation stamps as follows: (a) sheet of one million marks (b) sheet of five million marks: (c) sheet of ten million marks. Various inscriptions and photos are on gummed side of sheets.

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**NOTES FROM A  
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In Germany, it was, and still is possible on rare occasions to find beautiful stamp collections in the ruins of homes damaged by air raids or other implements of war. Some of the collections so discovered were in very good condition, others of which part of the contents were damaged, and still others absolutely worthless, they having been reduced to this state by the collapse of the building, fire, or a broken water main.

The office of a stamp wholesaler was burned to the foundation walls, he losing ten large safes of material in the process. Even though the walls of the safes were extremely thick, they became red hot during the fire, and caused the contents to become scorched beyond recognition. Two strong boxes in the wall were saved with their contents. Most of the mint stamps adhered to each other, while some of the others were in various degrees of yellow from the heat.

All were packaged into lots, and advertised at advantageous prices. The stamp hungry Germans emptied his shelves in three days.

How to remove mildew from stamps? This is the advice of a specialist, do not damp those stains with hydrogen peroxide or ammonia or other acids, as thus the dye of the stamp will be worked upon too much and color will fade. He advises to treat mildew with pure cold water. Of course you must be patient. Sometimes you will succeed after hours sometimes after 24 hours. It may happen you will have to water stamps with mildew all over a week. Mildew is caused by bacteria. There is recommended finishing treatment with diluted solution of formaldehyde, at a rate of about 1:30. Experiments of course start on worthless stamps.

Stamp swindlers recently offered the values 20 Pfg, 24 Pfg and 40 Pfg. of the circulating numerals-series as specimens of rare imperforated stamps, also on cover.

In this matter we have to deal with a very dull trick. These values come from the special souvenir sheet as produced on the occasion of the stamp exhibition of 1946 in Berlin, where one of the blocks was issued imperforate. As

The celebrated "Lindberg Medal" was established in 1905 by the Philatelic Club of Berlin in commemoration of the man who was its chairman for many years. This gentleman was Oberlandgerichtspräsident Carl Lindberg. According to the decree read at the time the medal was established, the medal is granted to those men who have worked meritoriously in scientific philately and as authors. About 20 non-Germans to date have received it.

Dr. Paul Pirl, the well known German collector and expert died just a little over a year ago. Dr. Pirl's forte were the stamps issued before 1914.

In Europe, and that includes Germany, the postage to prepay parcel post packages is placed on separate pieces of paper removable from the package. These pieces of paper are retained by the post office when the delivery is made to the addressee. At stated periods, these stamps are made up in boxes containing one kilogram of such stamps, sealed, and then offered to the public all over the world at set prices. Germany is to have such a sale this year.

At the end of the war, the Germans residing in Czechoslovakia (Sudetenland) were expelled. Regulations forbade the taking of more than 50 kilograms of personal possessions—books and papers were not permitted to be taken at all. Identification cards were the limit that could be taken of anything made of paper. All savings and other monies due of the expelled persons was placed to their credit in Czechoslovakia except the sum of 500 Marks which was the sum permitted to each.

One of my friends was an advanced stamp collector who was forced to make a quick sale of it because of the above regulations, and consequently sold his albums at a ridiculous price. He did get


**BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATED.**

On November 23, Czechoslovakia, issued the souvenir sheet shown above. It was to commemorate the birthday of the president of the republic. Denomination of the stamp is 30 Kcs., color is carmine red. The sheets were valid for the payment of postage to the full amount of the denomination.

is well-known, the block had but the values: 20, 24, 40 Pfg.

A German Superior Examination Board was established by one of the large wholesale-retail stamp establishments in Berlin. It will have the standing of a court of final appeal for those parties who seek its judgment, since its decisions will be binding on all parties to any case. It will consist of G. Buhler, W. Kaul, E. Mueller-Mark, O. Ressel and G. Richter. All are well known philatelists and experts.

Apparently not too many collectors know about the poor gum on the "Ostropa" souvenir sheet, and the damage it causes until too late. The gum contains sulfuric acid which causes damage to the paper. The German catalogs consider this sheet, Scott's B68, as a good one with the gum removed, and give it a top pricing.

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most of this money back to Germany with him.

His high priced stamps and rarities were removed from the albums before their sale and sewed in the lining of his coat. These escaped detection at the control point. His new life is based on those stamps, many of which he still has. Some have been converted to food and clothes. This man gives thanks to the Lord who made him a stamp collector.

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One of the usually followed customs is that once a dealer has established a source for certain material, he is allowed to continue obtaining it in that fashion without any undue efforts being made to separate him from the source. Of course, if the circumstances that may lead to a change come from no efforts on the part of a competitor, it would then be proper to take advantage of the situation.

One New York dealer has long been suspected of taking other dealers' sources unethically, but it couldn't be proven that it was a definite, intentional effort, until another dealer decided to lay a trap.

A set of Farley sheets, recently purchased, was offered the dealer under suspicion at a few dollars under the market, knowing that he would seize the opportunity to purchase it. When delivery was made, a slip of paper was placed between some of the sheets, just as though it had been left there inadvertently. On the slip of paper was the name and address of the assistant of the dealer setting the trap, with the notation: "Bought 20 sets Farley Sheets at Face Value; selling one set to J. F.; remaining, 19 sets."

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One of the most popular countries from a stamp collecting viewpoint is Germany. The stamps from this country appeal to collectors for many reasons, one of which is the generally fine designs and another the quality in which the stamps are printed.

A price list of the stamps of Germany has just been published by the Bay State Stamp Co., 44 Bromfield St., Boston 8, Mass. Included with the quotations for mint and used singles and sets, are those for tete-beche and se-tenant strips and pairs. Interested collectors can write to the company at the above address for a copy.

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## Important Resume On Israeli Stamp Issues

The Israel-Palestine Society of America, has received a full report on current philatelic and postal activities from Dr. George Hesky of Israel. This is the newly formed group of collectors which specialize in such stamps, and the president of which is S. N. Shure of Chicago.

In addition to Dr. Hesky's duties as philatelic adviser to the government of the new state, he is now the editor of two new philatelic monthlies—the "Habulai Haivri" (in Hebrew) and the "Stamp Magazine of Israel" (in English). His report clarifies many matters that have been puzzling philatelists about the validity and authority for the various stamps and postmarks during the transition between the ending of the British Mandate in Palestine and the beginning of the new state of Israel:

Period from April 1 to May 1, 1948: The mail during this period of disorder was not considered safe when handled thru normal channels and most people entrusted their mail to the country-wide bus lines. During this period four varieties of postage stamps were produced and used which are not official—having been authorized by neither British or Jewish authorities, as follows:

1. Armoured Car Post of RISHON LE ZION. 40 mils blue, perforated or imperforated, printed in blocks of 10.
2. Sea Post of NAHARIYA. 20, 40 and 50 mils in two editions, both rouletted and imperforated, and a miniature sheet containing all three denominations rouletted and imperf.
3. AFFULA. Hebrew overprint on 3 mils (Rahale's Tomb).
4. Government TOHUWABOHU overprint on the same stamp.

All post offices and postal agencies except Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa were closed on April 30 and these three on May 6.

This is the interesting period of the overprint K. K. L. charity stamps, cancelled by the all-Hebrew devices of the Minhelet Ha'am. This new national postal system was created by The Jewish Agency (The Sochnut) in cooperation with The General Council (Vaad Leumi)—the individual in charge being Mr. Gravobovsky of the Vaad Leumi, Tel Aviv.

Interim Period from May 2 to May 14, 1948. It is now estimated that the previous assumption that there were several thousand varieties of stamps in this classification was exaggerated, and it is now thought that the quantity will not exceed a total of 300 to 400.

1. The Tel Aviv emergency issues were rubber-stamped DOAR (in Hebrew) in different colors.

2. The Haifa issues were hand-stamped (probably steel) with the Hebrew word DOAR in a circle.

3. The Jerusalem issues were overprinted by type or electrolyte on probably only three stamps. (Ed. we have seen the 5 mil, 10 mil and 25 mil overprinted and postmarked at Jerusalem 12 May 1948.) Three printings of this issue were required.

4. Post Offices in Upper Galilee (Tiberias, Safad, Metulla). Altho these offices received the circular letter announcing the DOAR stamps in time, the actual stock of the stamps did not arrive until May 4. As a result, the postmasters provided local issues of which very little is yet known. These issues seem to have had no "philatelic" influence and were withdrawn when the DOAR overprints arrived on May 4.

A complete cataloging of the Minhelet Ha'am stamps will be printed in the September issue of the Stamp Magazine of Israel.

Stamps of the State of Israel. The first issue was described in Linn's some weeks ago.

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There are two plate numbers on each sheet one in color and one in black over the 9th and 8th stamps respectively. First Day—May 28 1948.

New Air Mail Stamps: Four denominations are in print and may be released shortly.

Army Posts: A network of A. P. O.'s exists throughout the country. There has been some talk about special stamps for use in such offices, but nothing definite has as yet been announced. In the meantime, special military date-stamp postmarks (words in Hebrew only, dates in Gregorian) are in use at the Israeli Army Post Offices.

Israeli postage stamps are printed in the Government Printing House "somewhere in Israel." The HAARETZ PRESS provided the installation and the technical staff.

Postmarks: In addition to the previously reported special First Day postmarks on May 16 Jerusalem used a locally made First Day rubber stamp with wording in both Hebrew and English in a "fancy" type-face.

Letters for Mr. Shure or for Dr. Hesky may be addressed in care of the Israel-Palestine Philatelic Society at 225 West Huron Street, Chicago 10, Illinois.

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By Carl P. Rueh

The more I think about it, the more I believe that the collectors got a very raw deal from the United States Post Office Department. It is in respect to that New York Jubilee 5c airmail stamp.

In the first place, the stamps were poorly centered, which reduced the number of collectible stamps to practically nothing compared to the number of collectors. The POD can hardly deny that this stamp was produced for collectors the same as the rest of the commems.

Secondly, the stamps were not given a very good distribution, and even the offices which did get some were restricted. As for example, our Sidney P. O. got just exactly 50 panes—I saw them—all were so far off center that they were hardly fit for postage even. And we have people here who buy panes of commems in quantity.

Thirdly, while the stamp was on sale at the Agency for slightly less than three months, a span of time which would or should make them available to all, the rotten service which the Agency has been giving discouraged a number of collectors from buying there. Also, the Agency advertised that they did not have centered copies for sale.

What I am about to urge now, isn't going to set well with the few persons who were able to lay in a supply of this issue, and believe me they are small enough. And what I am about to urge isn't going to make or break them—if any one depends on one stamp to keep him in business, then heaven help them.

I am thinking exclusively of the many collectors who have a right to buy this stamp for their collections, conveniently, and in good centering.

If you as a collector or dealer are interested in a square deal on this one write a letter to Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson, Post Office Department, Washington 25 D. C. asking for another printing of that stamp. As a suggestion:

Ask for well centered stamps. Ask that they be set up separately at the Agency so that a customer can send in an order for them and get it filled at once.

And ask that they be on sale for a period of three months.

It is entirely against my principles to ask for the reprinting of any issue once withdrawn, but this one would hardly be a reprinting since what was given out in the first place was hardly a

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ceptable.

The Farleys were brought on by the same kind of raw deal, and this one smells just as much.

If you are in sympathy with these thoughts write your letter as individuals and as signed petitions from your clubs, and do it now. Let the Postmaster General know how you feel about the matter. And if they send you a letter with a lot of official double talk, go back after them again.

The idea won't set well with the high "brass" of the Post Office Department; it is going to cause them to do something extra. But if they are in the business to help the collector, this is a fine place to start over again on that forgotten policy.

This is a fine place to start in on our usual two questions.

1. What three men are shown on the Yorktown 2c commem of 1931, and for what are they commemorated?

2. What commem specifically portrays Washington as "Colonel George Washington?"

Many collectors are wondering in the form of letters, why a commem is to be issued for the election of a governor by Puerto Rico.

This Territory of the United States has had a governor for so many years. But the big stumbling block here has been the fact that each governor has been appointed by the President of the United States, and on occasion, these appointees were given the jobs as political plums, rather than because of ability.

While Puerto Rico has a House of Representatives and a Senate of its own, and a resident commissioner in Washington, the executive branch of the government was in the hands of the appointed governor. The Puerto Ricans weren't always too well satisfied with the way they were "ruled"; for years they have demanded the right to elect their own governor.

That right they have been granted, and the stamp is in commemoration of it.

The Post Office Department has announced that there is to be an initial printing of 12 million of the new 4c airmail postal cards. Now don't get your speculative dander up, for by the time this one dies of old age, there will probably be 120 billion of them printed.

The POD loves its postal stationery designs such as for envelopes and cards, so well that it just can't bear the thought of changing them!

Or had you already suspected this?

Have you and your club voted yet on the five best stamps for 1948? The results are coming in rather well, and it begins to look like a hot race among seven stamps. If you report for a club, will you please denote the vote for each of the stamps listed?

You can expect the POD's announcement any day now of a stamp for Alexandria, Virginia. This one was approved by the "Stamp Happy" 80th Congress, and is law. Just in case you don't know, Alexandria is a historic city in northern Virginia, about seven miles from Washington, D. C., on the west bank of the Potomac.

Here you will find Old Christ Church which was attended by Washington and Lee; Carlyle House wherein Braddock organized the expedition against Fort Duquesne in 1755; and the home of Robert E. Lee. So you see, Alexandria has a few gray hairs on its civic head.

That Wisconsin man with ideas, H. M. Brehm of New London, Wis., prepared a fairly nice cover with the use of the Indian stamp. He divided a large sized envelope into five sections, with an Indian Centennial stamp in each. He had postmarks applied to a stamp by one of each of these post offices, having the same names as those of the tribes honored. These were Cherokee, Kans., Chickasaw, Ala., Choctaw, Okla., Seminole, Ala. and Muscogee, Florida.

First day figures for the Gettysburg stamp show that there were 511,990 covers canceled on the first day, and 1,140,000 stamps sold. For the first day of the Turner stamp there were 434,090 first day covers, and 1,380,000 stamps sold.

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and de Grasse are pictured. The latter two were Frenchmen who espoused the cause of the Revolutionary Forces, and helped the Colonists defeat the English.

2. The stamp for the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Braddock's Field shows a statue and wording of "Colonel George Washington." It was issued July 9, 1930.

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The first picture in the contest is in our issue of January 6, and one will appear each week for twenty weeks, making the last picture on January 17th. For the benefit of anyone who has failed to obtain or see copies of any of the pictures we have had printed a supply of all the 20 different pictures. The set of twenty different pictures will not be available for distribution until January 15th. Orders for these twenty pictures at a price of 10c for the set, postpaid, will be accepted at any time, but none will be mailed until January 15th which will be about the date of publication of the final picture, thus you will have a period of about 30 days after publication of the final picture to prepare your answers, fill out your contest blanks and get them to our office.

The contest blanks have twenty numbered lines on them and each picture in the contest will bear a number, so that you are only required to write your answer to each picture on the numbered line corresponding with the number of the picture. Then sign your full name and address in a legible manner at the foot of the contest blank, then on the back of the blank answer the question which is asked there, or rather complete the statement, part of which is printed on the back of the blank. Then mail the completed form back to our office so it will reach us not later than February 15th, 1949. Any answers received after the 15th will not be considered or accepted.

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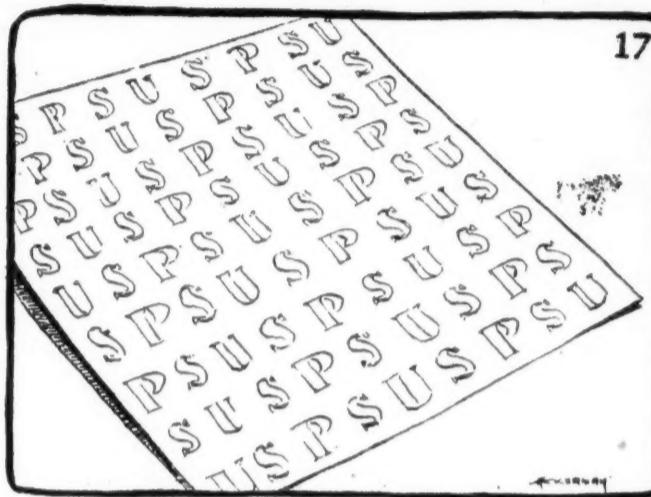
The complete list of answers will be published in our issue of February 21st. List of the winners of all prizes will be published in full, as soon after the close of the contest as possible.

The complete list of answers are typed and sealed in an envelope in our Safe Deposit Box. Answers will be judged only by this list, word for word as written so be careful, use only necessary words as answers to be fully correct must be exact words as we have prepared them. Letter A is a word.

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## What Philatelic Term Does This Picture Represent?



## ANSWER

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**SHEET FOR NATIONAL EXHIBITION.** Over in Japan the people are very much interested in stamp collecting as is evidenced by the many special issues that have appeared from this country in the past couple years. Under their present government stamp collecting is flourishing and in October a National Philatelic Exhibition was held at Nagano, a city in central Japan. Nagano is famous for a Buddhist Temple called "Zenko-ji". From October 16 to 20th the exhibition was held and a special souvenir sheet as illustrated was on sale. A special postmark was also in use for the exhibition and is impressed on the sheet which we illustrate. Covers mailed first day of the exhibition are at hand from Osamu Nakashima, 4664 Kamada-machi, Matsumoto-city, Nagano prefecture, Japan, also from Moris Komatsu, 2331 Atsusamura, Nagano prefecture, Japan.

## The Plate Blocker

By Emanuel Strauss  
1336 Union Street  
Brooklyn 12, New York

Now that the old year is coming to a close I will give you a resume of all Commemoratives issued since the 5c Swedish-Pioneer, the stamp with which I began my valuation program.

There were 22 stamps issued of the 3c type and of course in addition, the king-pin of them all, the 5c New York City Jubilee Airmail Commem. Of the 22 there were six in the Famous American series and 16 of the large type.

The NYC Air is the same size as the 3c Jefferson of the Prexie Series. This stamp represents the first time that our Government issued a commem of the 5c denomination, for use on airmail. Of course we have had our Zepps, Trans-Atlantic and Trans-Pacific Issues but never one of the 5c type and it sure took fire with the collectors.

The Famous American types, namely, William Allen White, L. Harlan Fiske Stone, Palomar Observatory, Will Rogers, Fort Bliss and Joel Chandler Harris came through in none too good centering. Comparatively speaking, you could come across a well centered large size commem in about one out of each five sheets, whereas the six FA types were coming through in aggravating succession of poor centering.

About one first quality centering could be found in every 25 sheets. Mind you that I am only in reference to the Plate No. Block on the above statistics. This will give you a general idea on how certain valuations are given to specific positions and how they are affected in future ratings when the law of supply and demand begins to take hold. As an example the lower right positions of Palomar are pretty sad and one is mighty fortunate to be able to acquire fairly good centering there.

In giving you the valuations on the above group you will find that I have placed a blanket value for all positions of the 3c types. This is due to the fact that the various issues are still new and for the while the same value will be given to each position. Therefore following is the description and third the Plate Nos. Each and every position of the following is valued at 25c each and in all instances you may ascertain the CMPS value by adding 10 per cent to the total number of positions of an issue. All are of the RP printing.

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**#960—3c Wm. Allen White—P#s 23855-6-7-8**

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Just before the Christmas season swung into full force the annual award for Outstanding Service to the Washington Philatelic Society was presented to Joseph A. Herbert, Jr. His activities for the organization had gone so far beyond the normal "scope of duty," that it was more or less of a certainty that he would receive the overwhelming vote of confidence of the Society.

Competition was not lacking in the friendly contest which led to the honor paid to Mr. Herbert. David D. Caldwell, the Past President of the Society and former Vice President of APS, had received high compliment for his consistent conservative counsel and for capturing the 1950 American Philatelic Society Convention for the Nation's Capital with the Washington Philatelic Society as host club.

Dr. Ellis Haworth, another former President, and a favorite among many, had performed unusual service in editing the monthly Bulletin which has accomplished so much in tying local and non-resident members into a harmonious unit.

Philip Sims Warren who won the DeVoss Trophy for Outstanding Service during 1947, the first year of its life, made the presentation to the distinguished winner for 1948 on December 8 before a well attended meeting in the quarters of the Society at the famous Cosmos Club.

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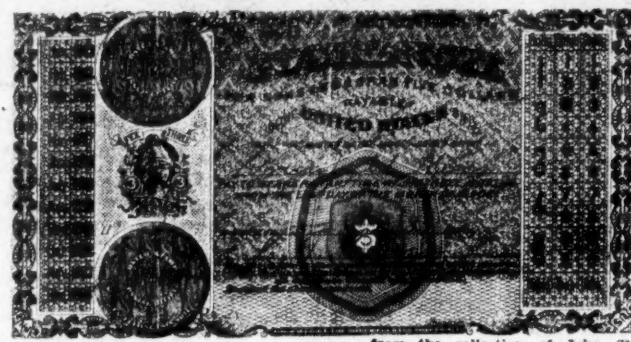
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Possibly very few of today's citizens know that at one time back in the Nineteenth century, the United States Post Office Department had a postal note for sale to its customers similar to the one that is offered today. The one illustrated here was current back in 1884, and is in fact dated March 1884. It was issued at Brattleboro, Vermont March 28, 1884 according to the handstamp on the upper left hand side.

It was signed by C. H. Mansur, the postmaster, and indorsed payable at Greenfield, Mass. The amount of the note was thirty-nine cents.

There are several items of interest to be discovered by examining it, chief of which is the fact that it was printed from very finely engraved plates on both sides, the engraving including a lot of fancy lathe work designs.

On the extreme left can be seen the months and the year dates which run from 1883 to 1894, and which the issuing postmaster would punch in the proper places to denote the month and year of purchase. One of the stipulations for the use of the note reads as follows, and it can readily be seen why the date was important: "If this Postal Note be not paid within three months from the last day of the month of issue, it will become invalid and not payable, and the holder, to obtain the amount thereof, less an additional fee of three cents, must receipt this Postal Note, deliver it to the postmaster at the paying or at the issuing office, and sign an application for a duplicate payable to him by such postmaster, to be issued by the superintendent of the Money Order System, Washington, Dist. Columbia." That notice appeared on the reverse side of the note.

Also on the left side of the note, can be seen two circular spaces which are to be used for the dated stamp of the issuing office (upper space) and the dated stamp of the paying office (lower space). Between the two, can be seen the head of Columbia, and the legend and figures, "Fee Three Cents". In the central part, on the top line, is the number of the note, which in this case is

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Under the postmaster's signature is the note, "This Postal Note is also payable to the bearer at the office of issue, with the same limitation as to time. If lost or destroyed, no duplicate thereof can be issued." To acknowledge receipt of payment, the note has a space under this wording at the bottom of the central portion which says, "Received the above named sum."

At the right hand side can be seen three columns which when properly punched denote the value. The inner column is headed "Dollars" and has figures 1, 2, 3, 4, and 0. A middle column is headed "Dimes" and with numbers consecutively from one to zero, while the outside column is headed "Cents" and has numbers from one to zero also. A glance at the illustration will show that the "0" under Dollars has been punched, the "3" under Dimes also, and the "9" under Cents. The value is thus indicated to be \$0.39.

The paper used for the notes was watermarked and of a yellow color, while the bulk of the fancy lathe work and other ornamentation is of a dark brown color. The wording is printed in black ink.

The Postal Note was the product of the Homer Lee Bank Note Co. of New York, which imprint is found on each side of it.

John Shea, 86-28 137th St., Jamaica, N.Y. is the owner of the note that is illustrated, he having graciously loaned it for editorial use.

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Martin C. Van Buren is the president of the group. Harry W. Kever, 2033 South Ave., Toledo 9, Ohio is the secretary. The club plans to publish an official bulletin carrying local and national stamp news.

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The souvenir seal took the form of a miniature sheet which carried a reproduction of a block of four of the Scott No. 7 stamp of Transvaal in lilac color. Surrounding the block was wording in gold, in the two languages commemorating the event.

A cover with the seal was received from B. Glassman, P. O. Box 10, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Code Of Standards  
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So that collectors who enter their covers in any of the exhibitions of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs get a square deal from the judges and the exhibition committees, a representative number of collectors were appointed to investigate and establish standards for the display of such material.

Under the chairmanship of D.C. Bartley, 6035 Eighth Ave., Seattle, Washington, ten representatives of the clubs in the federation met. When they had finished their work they compiled a list which names the categories in which covers are to be placed, and also the points on which judges are to evaluate the various exhibits.

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